

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 are amended and claims 12-26 are added. No new matter is added. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited. Reconsideration of the application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Drawing Objections

The Office Action objects to the drawings, indicating that the drawings do not show every feature specified or recited in the claims. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the prism of claim 4 is not shown in the drawings.

Applicants respectfully assert that the prism element recited in claim 4 as the optical element is shown in at least Fig. 1, reference number 260, and is disclosed in the specification in at least page 9 in the last full paragraph. Further, the lens element which may serve as an optical element, as recited in claim 4, is discussed in the specification on at least page 19, first full paragraph, and disclosed in Fig. 6 as reference number 256A attached to element 251.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawing objections.

II. Specification Objections

The Office Action objects to the title as not being descriptive. The title is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 1, 3 and 6 for informalities. Specifically, the Office Action objects to claims 1 and 3 for the use of the term "projected image screen" in line 13 of claim 1 and line 13 of claim 3, asserting that the use of the term "screen" is confusing. Applicants respectfully assert that the discussion of the projected image screen is

contained in the specification in at least page 14, second full paragraph, and page 15, first full paragraph. Because the term "projected image screen" is clearly defined in the specification, Applicants respectfully assert that the claims, read in the context of the disclosure, are clear. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to claims 1 and 13.

Regarding claim 6, Applicants presume that the objection was intended to apply to previous claim 2, line 4, in which claim 2 previously recited a "quart" crystal. By canceling claim 2, this objection is rendered moot.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Office Action that claims 2 and 5-11 contain allowable subject matter. By this amendment, the allowable subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated in claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 5 is incorporated in claim 3. New independent claim 12 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 5, while new independent claims 19 and 26 contain the allowable subject matter of claim 11.

V. Claim Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Japanese Publication No. JP-2002-155372 A to Ishizaka; rejects claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Japanese Publication No. JP-2002-006298 A to Sakai et al. (hereinafter "Sakai"); and rejects claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,942,347 to Sugawara et al. (hereinafter "Sugawara") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,646 to Mitsutake et al. (hereinafter "Mitsutake"). For purposes of these remarks, Applicants interpret the §102 rejections of claims 3 and 4 to be over Japanese Publication No. 2000-155372, which was included in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 1, 2004. The above rejections are respectfully traversed.

The above enumerated amendments to the claims incorporating indicated allowable subject matter into at least each of the independent claims, renders these claims and the claims depending therefrom allowable. The basis for the previous prior art rejections of any of the claims are therefore rendered moot.

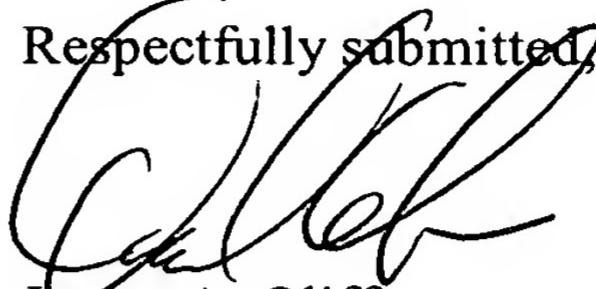
VI. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1, 3, 12, 19 and 26 recite features not disclosed nor would they have been suggested, by the applied prior art references. Further, the claims depending from claims 1, 3, 12 and 19 are neither taught, nor would they have been suggested by the applied prior art references also for at least the foregoing reasons, as well as for the additional features that they recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 4 and 12-26, in addition to the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 5-11, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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